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Japan's Ultimatum To China

Guests Free To Answer Nippon, After the Emperor's Conference, Attempts to Force China's Hand.

60,000 MEN ARE READY TO FIGHT China's Obstinate Refusal to Yield Drives Japan To Drastic Action.

HONOLULU, T. H., April 24.—An ultimatum, demanding a satisfactory answer within three days to the demands of Japan from China, has been sent by the Japanese cabinet to Etsu Hsiki, the Japanese minister at Peking, for delivery to the representatives of China at the negotiations, according to a dispatch from Tokio to the Hawaii Shippu, a Japanese newspaper here.

It is known that deliberations between the Japanese emperor and the heads of the Japanese government have been in progress at Tokio the past several days. It was reported the purpose of these conversations was to determine what action was to be taken regarding China, which has maintained a policy of refusing to yield to some of the Japanese demands for concessions. Tokio dispatches have freely stated that some of the Japanese statements, as well as the newspaper reports, have suggested Japan should take drastic steps against China.

Hsiki's Reply Paraphrased. In the meeting, Hsiki has from day to day postponed further negotiations with the Chinese government at Peking, stating he must receive instructions from his government before proceeding further.

Japan Has 60,000 Men Ready. Japan now has 60,000 armed troops who hold the chief positions and the railroads in the Shantung and Manchuria districts.

East Prussia Devastated

Towns Pillaged by Russians; Thousands Are Homeless and Hundreds Dead.

Koenigsberg, East Prussia, April 24.—East Prussia, adjoining the Russian border, is a scene of desolation, death and suffering as a result of Russian invasion. It is a region of wrecked towns, ruined and pillaged farms and of villages, tenanted by birds of carrion. Thousands of people, terror-stricken, are homeless. The damage in money is estimated at hundreds of thousands, if not millions.

Memel, a City of Fear. Less than 72 hours after the Russians had wrecked the town of Memel, only a few hundred of their number were left. When German reinforcements arrived, the Associated Press correspondent reached the local community to find it a veritable city of fear, only partly hardened by the presence of strong military forces.

Along a line of 150 miles (as the crow flies), and for a distance varying from five to 50 miles inward from the Russian border, the Russian army has left a trail of devastation. The number of houses taken at 100,000, and the number of people taken at 100,000, is estimated. The property damage, however, is as yet impossible to gauge.

Through a waste of partly ruined villages the way led to Tilsit, once held by the Russians under grand duke Nicholas, the Russian commander in chief. Even the most bitter anti-Russian, however, admits that the Russian which first came were soldiers, not marauders, and behaved themselves.

Though nominally a city, Memel is a large town with the main street common to towns everywhere. That street bore the traces of the Russian invasion on every stone window and door.

Father Fails in His Attempt at Rescue

Dead in Austin Flood Total 30, Is Estimate; Many More Are Missing. Militia Assists in Rescue Work.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 24.—Toll of life claimed by the cloudburst and storm of Thursday night totals over 30 today and there are nearly that number of people missing. Searchers are continuing their work today of finding bodies of missing citizens. The perishing of Mrs. Stella Hello and her five children while the father was within a few feet of where they were appealing for help added another chapter to this tale of horror.

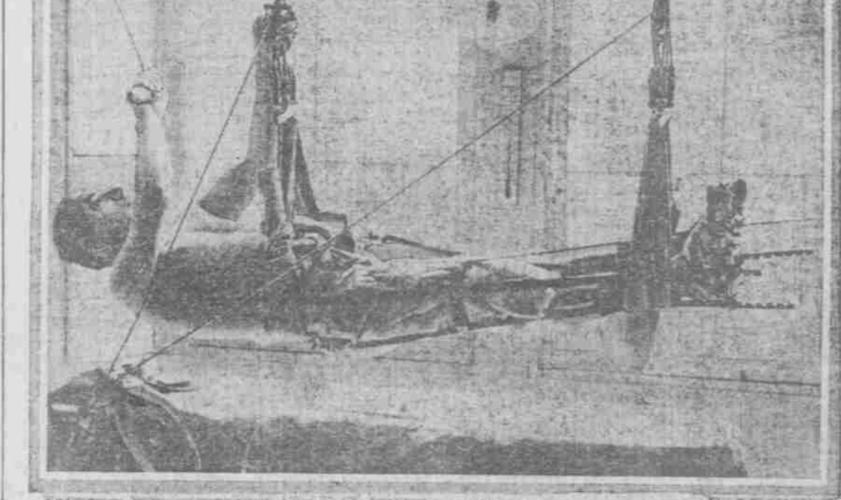
Mrs. Hello and the children were crowded at a window at their home on Waller creek when the father was rushing through the swift current of water. Just as he got within reach the house collapsed and the entire family was swallowed in the water.

Relief funds have been started for the homeless and destitute. It is estimated there are 100 persons homeless. The local militia has been pressed into service.

Loss Is \$1,000,000. City authorities, churches and charitable institutions are cooperating in the relief work.

Railroad service was resumed partly today and partially tomorrow. City officials estimate the loss to streets and bridges at \$200,000 and the total loss approximately at \$1,000,000.

Apparatus for Fighting Gangrene



Apparatus for Fractured Limbs in Bone Hospital. The above illustrated apparatus was invented by Dr. William Guelya, the famous Paris physician for the treatment of all fractures associated with gangrene.

The War At a Glance

A SERIES of German successes along the western front is announced in today's official reports from Berlin. It is said that the allies in Belgium have failed and that French-British attacks broke down under the German fire.

Freighter Is Sunk. The freighter Ruth has been sunk in the North sea by a German submarine. Her crew of 16 was saved.

Aviators Sink Ship. An Italian flying boat, operating over Smyrna, report that the Turks are defending the city with 25,000 troops established in trenches.

German Reach Hodeida. The sailing vessel Aysha, manned by Germans who escaped when the famous cruiser Emden was sunk in the Indian ocean last November, is said to have reached the Arabian harbor of Hodeida.

Northern Leader Is Gathering Formidable Air Fleet

Campaign Against Oregon; Gen. Banderas Quarrels With Zapata and Offers Army to Villa; Gen. Villa Wires He Is Confident of Victory in Next Battle.

OUR aeroplanes in charge of John I. Berger left Juarez Friday night for Gen. Villa's camp. They will be used for scouting purposes and to drop bombs on the Carranzista forces.

Passengers Arriving from Mexico. City says that Gen. Banderas, who was one of Zapata's most efficient and trusted officers, had a severe fall out with his chief, and has separated his army from the Zapatista troops.

118 Quarts of Whisky, Shipped From El Paso, Are Seized at Bisbee. Bisbee, Ariz., April 24.—Two trunks containing 118 quarts of whisky, shipped from El Paso on the El Paso and Southwestern railroad as baggage, were seized here by city police.

Hunting Generals In Aeroplanes Will Be New Mexican Pastime

Gen. Salazar is an aeroplane! is the latest slogan emanating from Carranzista headquarters, it is reported. Not to be outdone by Gen. Villa's recent adoption for aircraft in modern warfare, the Carranzista party, in its preparations to strike at Gen. Villa from the north, has purchased two aeroplanes in California and has sent aviator Williams to bring them to the border, it is reported.

WIDOW OF GEN. HERRERA IS HERE EN ROUTE TO LAREDO. Mrs. Macielito Herrera, wife of the Carranza general who was killed through an error of his own men last week in northern Mexico, arrived here Friday night from Parral, her home city, and will leave today for Laredo, Texas, where her husband's body is laid.

GUADALAJARA IS AGAIN IN VILLA HANDS, REPORT. The west coast metropolis of Guadalajara has been reoccupied by Villa troops, said an official Villa announcement today. It was stated that after the departure of Gen. Medina, who joined in Villa's mobilization in central Mexico, the column of Gen. Buelna from Tepic state arrived at Guadalajara.

San Luis Potosi Evacuated. Carranza's forces received here Saturday from Eagle Pass said that the Villa army under Gen. Tomas Urbina has evacuated San Luis Potosi and is marching toward Zacatecas to reinforce Villa.

Recapture the Cannon Lost When the Germans Drove British from Trenches.

GERMANS CLAIM TOTAL VICTORY. Estimate British and French Prisoners at 2470; Tell Of Ground Gains.

LONDON, Eng., April 24.—Over an archlike front in Belgian Flanders, which is roughly 10 miles long from the region of Brichoots in the north to St. Eloi in the south, French, British and Belgian troops are locked with the Germans today in a series of engagements which recall the fighting of last October.

Although the advance of the Germans was considerable, extending according to Berlin dispatches over a front of five miles, French, Belgian and British forces—the French occupying the center—the Belgians the left and the British the right of the line—immediately initiated a counter attack, the result of which was to compel the Germans to give up some of the ground they had taken and force them in a northeasterly direction toward Langemarck, from which place the attack started.

Canadian Flight Brilliantly. The war office today gave out the following note: "The fight for the ground into which the Germans penetrated between Stenestrate and Langemarck, Belgium, still continued. The loss of this part of the line laid bare the left of the Canadian division which was forced to fall back in order to keep in touch with the right of the stabilizing troops."

Prisoners Total 2470. "The number of prisoners—French, British and Belgian—taken at 2470. The pieces of cannon captured up to the present total 31. In addition a large number of machine guns and rifle ammunition and other war material were taken by the Germans. West of the Ypres canal the Germans stormed the town of Loos."

Apophizing Bombs Used. The French war department today gave out the following statement: "Supplementary reports furnish further particulars of the way the Germans succeeded in forcing our lines back during the action on the north of Ypres between the Yser canal and the Poel Capelle road. Thick yellow smoke, produced from the German trench gas and driven by powerful winds, effected an effect of complete apophizing among our troops, which was felt even in our second line positions."